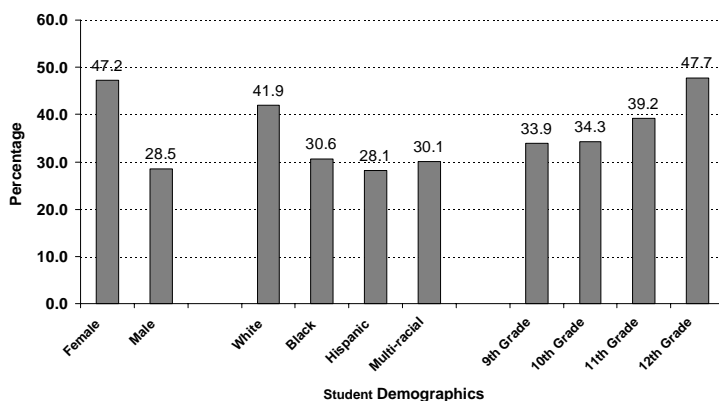
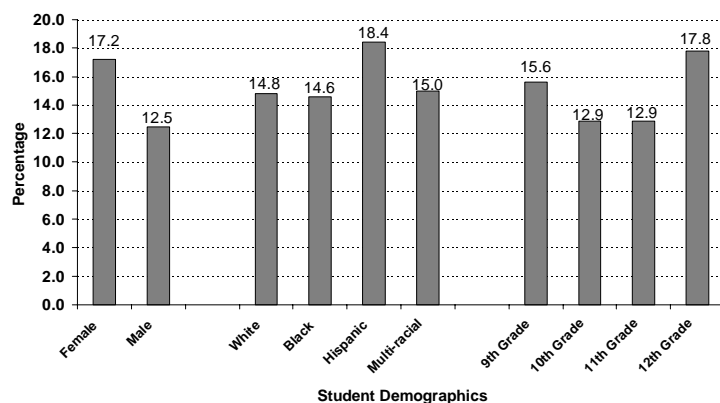


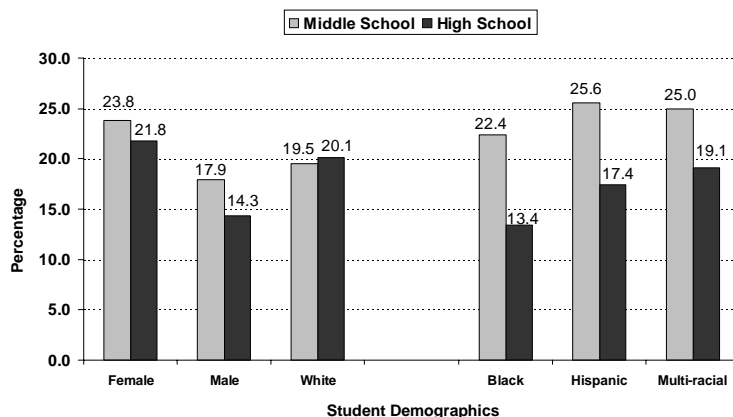
**Figure 22: Percentage of North Carolina High School Students Who Feel Stress in Their Life Most/All of the Time (YRBS), 2001**



**Figure 23: Percentage of North Carolina High School Students Who Feel Alone in Their Life (YRBS), 2001**



**Figure 24: Percentage of North Carolina Students Who Reported that They Had Seriously Thought about Killing Themselves (YRBS), 2001**



When presented with the statement *I feel alone in my life*, female, Hispanic, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students agreed most frequently in 2001 that they did feel alone in their life (about 17% to 18%). Males, 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders were least likely to select that answer (Figure 23). (This question was not administered to middle school students.)

Middle school students were more likely than high school students to report that they had ever seriously thought about killing themselves (Figure 24). For 2001, female, Hispanic, and multi-racial middle school students were the most likely to respond that they had ever seriously thought about killing themselves. Female, white, and multi-racial high school students were most likely to report that they had ever seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months. (Note: The wording of the question differed slightly in the surveys. Middle school students were asked if they ever seriously thought about killing themselves, and high school students were asked if, during the past 12 months, they ever seriously considered attempting suicide.)

North Carolina middle school students not only reported seriously considering suicide more often than high school students, they also reported more frequently than high school students that they had attempted suicide in 1997 (11.3% versus 8.8%). (This question was not asked in 2001.) Among middle school students in 1997, females (14.7%), students of other races (14.5%), and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (13.2%) were most likely to report that they had tried to end their lives. Female (10.8%), 9<sup>th</sup> grade (12.0%), and 10<sup>th</sup> grade (9.2%) high school students reported most frequently that they had attempted suicide.

Slightly less than 3 percent of high school students reported in 1997 that they were injured, poisoned, or overdosed due to a suicide attempt. (This question was not asked in 2001.)